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SUBJECT NORTH ATLANTIC COUNCIL BRIEFING BY PM DIRECTOR GELB

1. THE REACTION OF THE ALLIES TO THE MARCH 21 NAC
BRIEFING BY PM DIRECTOR GELB, ON THE US APPROACH TO SALT
AND OTHER ARMS CONTROL ISSUES, HAS BEEN UNIFORMLY FAVOR-
ABLE. THE ALLIES APPRECIATED PARTICULARLY THE FACT
THAT MR. GELB TOOK TIME, AT THIS DEMANDING STAGE OF PRE-
PARATIONS FOR THE MOSCOW TRIP, TO GIVE THEM A PRE-BRIEF
ON US THINKING PRIOR TO THE VISIT OF THE SECRETARY.
THEY WERE IMPRESSED BY THE DETAILED AND FORTH-
COMING NATURE OF MR. GELB'S PRESENTATION, WHICH DANISH
AMBASSADOR SVART, AMONG OTHERS, CHARACTERIZED TO US
AS THE MOST FRANK DISCUSSION OF US THINKING ON SALT
THAT HE HAS HEARD.

2. IN MY VIEW, THE DIRECTNESS AND OPENESS OF THIS
PRESENTATION WAS NOT ONLY TIMELY, IN VIEW OF INTENSE
ALLIED INTEREST IN SALT AT THIS STAGE, BUT ALSO DEFTLY
POLITIC, AS OPENNESS ALWAYS IS, IN ALLAYING ALLIED
CONCERNS. INDEED, THE COMPREHENSIVENESS OF MR. GELB'S
STATEMENT APPEARED SO TO SATISFY THE ALLIES THAT THEIR
SUBSEQUENT QUESTIONING WAS RELATIVELY TAME.

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3. IN SUM, IT WAS A SOUND AND USEFUL PERFORMANCE. STRAUSZ-HUPE

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